1	2	3	4
6.	Jodhpur	1	Desert
7.	Sirohi	1	-do-
8.	Chittorgarh	2	Normal
9.	Dungarpur	2	-do-
10.	Udaipur	1	-do-
11.	Tonk	1	-do-
12.	Bilwara	2	-do-
13.	Jaipur	1	-do-
14.	Alwar	1	-do-
15.	Bharatpur	1	-do-
16.	Dausa	1	-do-
17.	Sawaimadhopur	1	-do-
	TOTAL:	22	

New Telephone connections

1830. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 36.81 lakh applicants were waiting for new telephone connections as on the 31st March, 2000 as compared to 19.83 lakh applicants in 1999;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kerala had highest waiting list of 6.47 lakh applicants as on 31st March, 2000 and West Bengal had the least waiting list of 1.58 applicants;

(c) if so, what are the corresponding figures of applicants in waiting as on 31st March, 2001; and

(d) what action has been taken to reduce the waiting list of applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. But the waiting list of West Bengal was not the least. waiting list of the telecom circles is given in the statement (See below).

(c) The waiting list of applicants as on 31st March 2001 is 7.74 lakh for Kerala and 1.77 lakh for West Bengal.

(d) Following steps are being taken to reduce the waiting list in these states:

(i) Switching capacity of existing exchanges is being enhanced.

(ii) New exchanges are being opened.

(iii) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) is being deployed in urban as well as in rural areas.

(iv) The main project for wider introduction of Cellular Mobile service with a cpacity of 40 lakhs lines (Phase-I 15 lakh, Phase-II 25 lakh) is on anvil which includes these states.

(v) Target is to provide 6.63 lakh lines in Kerala, 3 lakh lines in West Bengal and 68.3 lakh lines in all the BSNL telecom circles.

(vi) The remaining waiting list of Kerala and West Bengal, if any, will be cleared in the next financial year.

Statement

Waiting list of Telecom Circles

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Waiting List as on 31.3.2000
1	2	3
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	2002
2.	Andhra Pradesh	377058
3.	Assam	5475
4.	Bihar	106196
5.	Gujarat	232624
6.	Haryana	73262
7.	Himachal Pradesh	24708
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	31882
9.	Karnataka	332189
10.	Kerala	647165
11.	Madhya Pradesh	40534
12.	Maharashra	263434
13.	North East	25887
14.	Orissa	42527

1	2	3
15.	Punjab	176732
16.	Rajasthan	95172
17.	Tamilnadu	598505
18.	Uttar Pradesh East	201242
19.	Uttar Pradesh West	123806
20.	West Bengal	157561
21.	Kolkata Telecom District	313
22.	Chennai Telecom District	16591
23.	Delhi	81871
24.	Mumbai	23843
	TOTAL:	3680579

Installation of telephone connections in Janakpuri Exchange

1831. SHRI SURYA BHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons residing in DDA Flats, Pockets-3, Bindapur, Dwarka, New Delhi who have applied for installations of telephone connections in the Janakpuri Telephone Exchange during the last six months;

(b) the number of applicants who have been provided with telephone connections, so far;

(c) by when, the remaining applicants are likely to be provided telephone connections;

(d) whether Government also propose to provide WLL phone to the remaining applications; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 23 persons from this locality applied for telephone connections during the last six months.

(b) 21 telephone have been provided, Remaining 2 connections are pending due to non-availability of underground cable pairs.

(c) By 31.12.2001.